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Examiner

Dinh Q. Nguyen

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,21,22,25 and 26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Daniel Christus on May 20, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 22, 22, 25 and 26 have been changed to correct formal matter in compliance with 37 CFR 1.173(b) as follows:

21. (Currently Amended) A monitor housing comprising:

a plurality of spiked folding legs;

a valve handle; and

a pivoting fluid conduit joint, the pivoting fluid conduit joint comprising:

a socket;

a ball disposed in the socket for movement relative to the socket;

a trunnion joining the socket to permit relative pivoting movement between the ball and

socket about an axis defined by the trunnion; and

a one-way brake;

wherein the trunnion is fixed to the ball, and the one-way brake comprises:

a stepped sleeve operable to engage the trunnion;

a brake housing fixed to the socket and defining a cylindrical opening for receiving the stepped sleeve, the brake housing and the stepped sleeve cooperate to define a tapered slot having a wide end and a narrow end;

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a cylinder disposed in the tapered slot; and

a spring disposed in the wide end of the tapered slot to urge the cylinder toward the narrow end of the tapered slot.

22. (Currently Amended) A monitor housing comprising:

a plurality of spiked folding legs;

a valve handle; and

a pivoting fluid conduit joint, the pivoting fluid conduit joint comprising:

a socket;

a ball disposed in the socket for movement relative to the socket;

a trunnion joining the socket to permit relative pivoting movement between the ball and

socket about an axis defined by the trunnion; and

a one-way brake;

wherein the trunnion is fixed to the socket, and the one-way brake comprises:

a stepped sleeve operable to engage the trunnion;

a brake housing fixed to the ball and defining a cylindrical opening for receiving the stepped sleeve, the brake housing and the stepped sleeve cooperate to define a tapered slot having a wide end and a narrow end;

a cylinder disposed in the tapered slot; and

a spring disposed in the wide end of the tapered slot to urge the cylinder toward the narrow end of the tapered slot.

25. (Currently Amended) A monitor housing comprising:

a plurality of spiked folding legs;

a valve handle; and

a pivoting fluid conduit joint, the pivoting fluid conduit joint defining a conduit and comprising:

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a first socket;

a first ball disposed in the first socket and pivotably joined to the first socket along a first axis;

a second socket fixed to the first ball;

a second ball disposed in the second socket and pivotably joined to the second socket along a second axis oriented at substantially a right angle to the first axis; and

a brake for resisting pivoting movement of the first ball relative to the first socket; wherein a trunnion is fixed to the first ball, and the brake comprises:

a stepped sleeve operable to engage the trunnion;

a brake housing fixed to the socket and defining a cylindrical opening for receiving the stepped sleeve, the brake housing and the stepped sleeve cooperate to define a tapered slot having a wide end and a narrow end;

a cylinder disposed in the tapered slot; and

a spring disposed in the wide end of the tapered slot to urge the cylinder toward the narrow end of the tapered slot.

26. (Currently Amended) A monitor housing comprising:

a plurality of spiked folding legs;

a valve handle; and

a pivoting fluid conduit joint, the pivoting fluid conduit joint defining a conduit and comprising:

a first socket;

a first ball disposed in the first socket and pivotably joined to the first socket along a first axis;

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a second socket fixed to the first ball;

a second ball disposed in the second socket and pivotably joined to the second socket along a second axis oriented at substantially a right angle to the first axis; and

a brake for resisting pivoting movement of the first ball relative to the first socket;

wherein a trunnion is fixed to the first socket, and the brake comprises:

a stepped sleeve operable to engage the trunnion;

a brake housing fixed to the ball and defining a cylindrical opening for receiving the stepped sleeve, the brake housing and the stepped sleeve cooperate to define a tapered slot having a wide end and a narrow end;

a cylinder disposed in the tapered slot; and

a spring disposed in the wide end of the tapered slot to urge the cylinder toward the narrow end of the tapered slot.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dinh Q. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4907. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Len Tran can be reached on 571-272-1184. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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